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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. "Flutec Ruckschlagventile RV5E" [Flutec Nonreturn valves RV5E] (FLUTEC, fluidtechische Gerate GmbH, brochure No. 5.175.2/7.95 HYDAC catalogue 01 section 9);
- 2. German Laid-Open Patent Publication No. DE 100 14 191 A 1, dated September 27, 2001;

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3. German Laid-Open Patent Publication No. DE 40 25 488 C 2, dated February 21, 1991.

4. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0052361 A1, published December 20, 2001 to Kushida et al.;

5. U.S. Patent No. 5,511,831, issued April 30, 1996 to Barton;

6. U.S. Patent No. 5,107,890, issued April 28, 1992 to Gute; and

7. German Laid-Open Patent Publication No. DE 3600 130 A1, dated July 9, 1987, together with English Language Abstract.

The relevance of reference 1 has been described in the specification. The relevance of references 2 to 6 has been described in the International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Copies of references 1 to 3 and 7 are enclosed.

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Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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IF APPROPRIATE DATE NAME CLASS SUBCLASS INITIAL 5,511,831 4/30/1996 Barton 5,511,831 4/28/1992 Gute **U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS** *EXAMINER FILING DATE DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS SUBCLASS IF APPROPRIATE INITIAL US 2001/0052361 A1 12/20/2001 Kushida et al. **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS** TRANSLATION DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS YES NO DE 100 14 191 A 1 9/27/2001 Germany DE 40 25 488 C 2 2/21/1991 Germany DE 3600 130 A1 7/9/1987 Germany OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) "Flutec Ruckschlagventile RV5E" [Flutec Nonreturn valves RV5E] (FLUTEC, fluidtechische Gerate GmbH, brochure No. 5.175.2/7.95 HYDAC catalogue 01 section 9) EXAMINER **DATE CONSIDERED** *EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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